

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1022

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Blake Campbell upon his outstanding accomplishments in service to the people of this State.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young men and women who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Blake Campbell, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Decaturville, Tennessee, who was born December 10, 1982, Blake Campbell is a graduate of Decaturville Elementary School and Riverside High School; and

WHEREAS, taking a slight respite from his educational endeavors, Mr. Campbell served as an employee of Operating Engineers 369 for one and one-half years, in which capacity he earned the unbridled respect of his co-workers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Jackson State Community College, Mr. Campbell has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a gifted orator, Blake Campbell began to cultivate his public speaking skills in the fifth grade and his eloquence earned him 1st place in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade speech competitions; as a ninth grader, Blake won the FFA Creed Speaking Contest on the County, District, and West Tennessee levels and then went on to claim 2nd Place in the State Competition; and

WHEREAS, an avid political leader, Mr. Campbell has been involved in the political process from the tender age of two; and

WHEREAS, at the age of ten, while volunteering at the Jackson Day Dinner, Blake proclaimed in an interview with Channel Five News that he wanted to be Governor someday; and

WHEREAS, enthusiastic about exercising his right to vote, Blake eagerly awaited his eighteenth birthday and the opportunity to register to vote; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell's political and communication skills have been noted and rewarded, as he has recently been elected as a Delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston; and

WHEREAS, his myriad accomplishments and worthy public service are a great source of pride for Mr. Campbell's parents, Toney and Irene Campbell, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his laudable accomplishments and sense of community spirit are surely indicative of Mr. Campbell's future success; and

WHEREAS, Blake Campbell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Blake Campbell for his outstanding accomplishments in service to others, congratulate him upon being chosen as a Delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.